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The Right Honourable Jean Chretien  
Prime Minister  
Government of Canada  
Langevin Block, House of Commons  
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Dear Prime Minister:

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The first meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP-1) under the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change (FCCC) will take place in Berlin starting later this month. As you know, the FCCC has turned out to be as much, or more, about world trade, future competitiveness and economic growth than issues of potential global climate change.

I am writing to urge you and your colleagues to protect Canada's economic interests at the negotiating table in Berlin.

In this regard, I expect the Canadian delegation to include very senior trade, natural resource and environment representatives with a well defined, Cabinet-endorsed negotiating mandate, which recognizes the diverse economic interests of Canada as well as the recently released National Action Plan with its focus on a voluntary program.

It is particularly important, in light of the recent return to economic growth and the strengthened resolve of your government to increased fiscal responsibility, that Canada oppose any new commitment in Berlin which might impede future growth and progress.

Canada has a good story to tell. The National Action Plan is a flexible, pragmatic, yet realistic, response to the issue of potential global climate change.

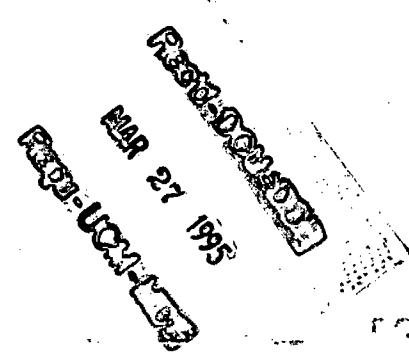
At Imperial Oil, we are supportive of the voluntary program -- and we look forward to continuing our dialogue with you and your officials on this topic.

Yours very truly,

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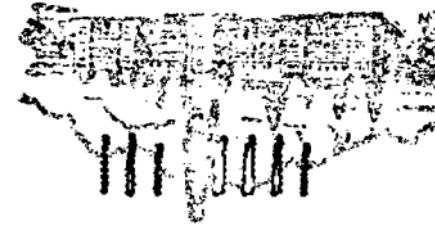
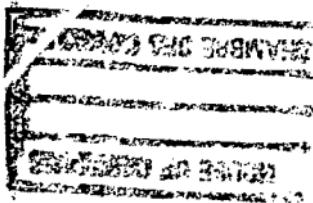


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